IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO.1106 OF 2004

Hasrikant Nirvedi Yadav ...Petitioner

Versus

State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

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Ms.Sonia Miskin, as amicus curiae for Petitioner.

Mr.V.B.Konde-Deshmukh, A.P.P. for Respondent.

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CORAM: A.M.KHANWILKAR, J.

MARCH 22, 2005.

P.C.

1. Heard Counsel for the parties.

2. Grievance made in this Petition is that although the Petitioner has applied for furlough leave, as back as in January 2004, no decision has been taken on the said Application. It is stated that no communication has been received by the Petitioner informing the Petitioner that the Application has been rejected or allowed, either

way.

3. Instead of going into the other contentions raised in this Petition, the appropriate course, is to direct the competent Authority to decide the furlough leave application already pending before him within four weeks from the receipt of writ of this Court.

4. In case, the Application is already decided, the Authority shall immediately send communication afresh to the Petitioner, informing the status of the decision taken on the Application preferred by the Petitioner. That be done within two weeks from the date of receipt of writ of this Court.

5. Copy of this order be forwarded to the Petitioner, as this Petition is through jail.

6. Court records word of appreciation for Ms.Sonia Miskin for having rendered assistance as amicus curiae.

A.M.KHANWILKAR, J.